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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(MBHB Case No. 00,551; 3Com Case No. 3194.CS.US.P)

In the Application of:

Joseph, et al.

Serial No. 09/760,434

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: **System and Method for Switching Security Associations**

Before the Examiner:
Vaughan, Michael R.

Group Art Unit: 2131

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Amendment and Response to Office Action; and
- b) return receipt postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

- a) A fee is not required at this time.
- b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 27, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 27, 2004

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